# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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USE OF I.T. TOOLS
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

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(a) whether the Government propose to use I.T. tools in great measure in agriculture and food processing to boost their export;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have also launched online facility to make information needed by industry and trade; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

## Answer

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(a) and (b): Ministry of Information Technology has taken number of initiatives to develop IT based Agri-Instrumentation Systems for productivity improvements in the areas of agriculture as well as food processing. The details are given at Annexure.

(c) and (d): National Informatics Centre(NIC) has provided network facility to various ICAR institutions and developed databases and websites for Ministry of Agriculture and ICAR. These can be easily accessed by the industry. Ministry of Food Processing industries has provided the following input `Ministry of Food Processing Industries in its website (http:\\www.mofpi.nic.in) provides information on policy, details on various sectors of food processing, plan scheme of the Ministry etc. and links to other important agencies which could be of assistance to industry and trade`. Information relating to the Ministry of Agriculture are available in their website (http:\\wwe.agmarknet.nic.in).